

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DECEMBER 14, 2011  
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting:      Ralph Bentley      Supervisor  
                                 Frank Hill      Councilman  
                                 Robert Olson      Councilman  
                                 Kenneth Higgins      Councilman  
                                 Joseph Dooris      Councilman  
Krista Wood      Town Clerk

Also: HS Paul Smith, ZA Gary McMeekin, Andy and Edna Trumble, Matt Simpson, Bill McGhie, Bob Miller, Tom Johansen, Jane Smith, Sandy Smith.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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**PUBLIC HEARING: Contracts for 2012**

Supervisor Bentley read the list of Contracts for 2012 and opened the floor to the audience for comments.

There were no comments, Messrs. Olson and Dooris moved to close the Public Hearing, all in favor.

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**REGULAR MEETING:**

**Reports:** Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Hill and Higgins, all Ayes.

**Approval of December 2011 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

Councilman Olson questioned the invoice from the Town of Schroon for \$8,088.65 which is the Town of Horicon portion of a Schroon Lake contract related to milfoil control in Schroon Lake. He stated that he was told by Steve Lamere that he does not carry compensation insurance on his employees yet the bill shows that he does. He further pointed out that this may create a liability issue for the Town.

Councilman Olson suggested they refer this to Town Counsel for review to determine if the Town may have liability issues before payment is made.

**RESOLUTION NO. 155 OF 2011**

Messrs. Dooris and Olson introduced Res. No. 155 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the December 2011 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#328-367	\$ 25,182.28
Highway Vouchers	#193-208	\$ 27,301.62
General Abstracts	33 & 34	\$ 22,148.19
Highway Abstracts	33 & 34	\$ 4,203.91

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will hold payment on General Voucher #362 in the amount of \$8,088.65 payable to Town of Schroon until it can be reviewed by Town Counsel and an adequate response is received by the Board.

While on the topic of Schroon Lake milfoil, Supervisor Bentley noted that Bill McGhie had spoken with Dave Wick. Bill said he was told by Dave Wick that, although it is not ideal, they could take care of the Warren County portion of Schroon Lake themselves. It was suggested that maybe there could be a meeting with Supervisor Bentley, Supervisor Monroe, and the newly elected Schroon Lake Supervisor to discuss the situation. Supervisor Bentley will set this up after the first of the year.

**Correspondence to the Board:**

Maureen Wilson	RE: Will be unable to serve as Event Coordinator for Horicon Day 2012
NYS OSC	RE: 2012 Newly Elected Officials Training registration information
Library Trustees	RE: Notification of election of officers for 2012
Matt Simpson	RE: Letter of resignation from Planning Board effective December 31st
APA	RE: Conditional approval/issuance of permit for subdivision application

**Resolutions:****RESOLUTION NO. 156 OF 2011**

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR 2012 AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board held a public hearing on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed 2012 Contracts, AND

WHEREAS, the public had the opportunity to speak for or against said contracts at this hearing, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the following Contracts and authorizes the Supervisor to sign in the following amounts:

Emergency Service Provider	\$ 49,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 4,680.00
North Warren Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,000.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 1,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 1,000.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 5,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00
Brant Lake Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
East Shore Schroon Lake Association	\$ 20,000.00
Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$189,000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 157 OF 2011**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 157 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO SET END OF YEAR MEETING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 3:30 PM for the end of the year meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 158 OF 2011**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 158 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO SET ORGANIZATION MEETING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set the Organization Meeting of the Town of Horicon for Tuesday, January 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 159 OF 2011**

Messrs. Dooris and Higgins introduced Res. No. 159 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2012 tax collection period.

**RESOLUTION NO. 160 OF 2011**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 160 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Matt Simpson, newly elected Town Board member, to attend the OSC's Newly Elected Officials Training School to be held January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The cost of the training is \$200.00 plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

AYES: 4 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Bentley)      Nays: 1 (Dooris)

**Old Business:**

*Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate seat:* There was one application for the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate seat.

**RESOLUTION NO. 161 OF 2011**

Messrs. Higgins and Dooris introduced Res. No. 161 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Bob Miller to the vacant Horicon Zoning Board of Appeals alternate seat for a term that will expire on December 31, 2014.

*Planning Board Alternate seat:* There were two applications for the Planning Board alternate seat which will become vacant effective December 31, 2011.

**RESOLUTION NO. 162 OF 2011**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 162 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Bill McGhie to the Horicon Planning Board alternate seat effective January 1, 2012. Bill will fill the seat being vacated by Matt Simpson and will serve for a term that will expire on December 31, 2015.

*Proposed changes for Underwood Cemetery:* The surveyor has completed his work for Underwood Cemetery and has submitted the proposed map changes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 163 OF 2011**

Messrs. Dooris and Hill introduced Res. No. 163 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CEMETERY MAP CHANGES**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board has reviewed the proposed changes to the Underwood Cemetery map and does hereby approve the changes. The surveyor will be contacted and advised to finalize the map as noted.

**New Business:**

*Computer support/Anti-virus quote:* A quote was obtained for anti-virus software for the Town computers after some recent issues with viruses and malware. Councilman Olson felt the quote was pricey and suggested the Supervisor talk with the County IT person. Councilman Hill and Councilman Higgins noted that something must be done as the computers are vulnerable and it is critical to get the computers updated and protected.

**RESOLUTION NO. 164 OF 2011**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 164 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH AN IT FIRM**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with a reputable IT firm for the Town computers not to exceed \$1,500.00.

*Highway Department air compressor:* The motor has burned up on the air compressor at the Highway Department because the compressor is not big enough to handle the workload.

**RESOLUTION NO. 165 OF 2011**

Messrs. Higgins and Dooris introduced Res. No. 165 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF AIR COMPRESSOR**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby declare the Bell Air Compressor at the Highway department as surplus equipment and further authorizes it to be disposed of,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is authorized to advertise the air compressor for sale by sealed bid.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Councilman Dooris thanked the Board members for the opportunity to work with them over the course of his term.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk